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BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20240-0001

In Reply Refer To:
Mail Stop VAE-BSEE-FOIA

February 8, 2019

Mr. Paul Gottinger
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Somerville, Massachusetts 02144-2516

Dear Mr. Gottinger:

The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) FOIA office received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated January 11, 2019, on January 28, 2019 and assigned it control number **BSEE-2019-00064**. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

You have requested: "A copy of records documenting the number of employees of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement who have left their positions/were terminated/retired for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, as well as a copy of records documenting the number of new employees hired to work for the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement in the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018."

We are writing today to respond to your request on behalf of the BSEE.

We have enclosed two files consisting of 13 pages, which are being released to you in their entirety.

Conclusion

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. *See* [5 U.S.C. 552\(c\)](#). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

The 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

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National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Web: <https://ogis.archives.gov>
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Fax: 202-741-5769
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer.

You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, the undersigned, using the contact information provided below.

We do not bill requesters for FOIA processing fees when their fees are less than \$50.00, because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. *See* [43 C.F.R. § 2.49\(a\)\(1\)](#). Therefore, there is no billable fee for the processing of this request.

This concludes BSEE's response to your request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at bscefoia@bsee.gov; by phone at (703) 787-1204; or by postal mail at FOIA Office; Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; Mail Stop: VAE-BSEE FOIA; 45600 Woodland Road; Sterling, VA 20166.

Sincerely,

/s/Ashley Rychak
Ashley Rychak
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BSEE FOIA Office

Enclosure